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Amendments to Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior revisions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended/Withdrawn) ~~A suspension slider for a vehicle trailer comprising:~~
~~first and second spaced apart longitudinal members;~~

The slider according to claim 15, wherein said continuous wall comprises a bent lateral member having a said central portion adjoining opposing said first and second angled portions at an angle relative to said central portion, said first and second angled portions each having end portions spaced from said central portion respectively secured to said first and second spaced apart longitudinal members, ~~said bent lateral member having a generally continuous wall extending between said end portions;~~ and first and second legs respectively secured between said central portion and said first spaced apart longitudinal member and said central portion and said second spaced apart longitudinal member.

2. (Currently Amended/Withdrawn) The slider according to claim 1, wherein said ~~generally~~ continuous wall has a generally uniform thickness.

3. (Currently Amended/Withdrawn) The slider according to claim 2, wherein said bent lateral member includes a C-shaped cross-section.

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4. (Currently Amended/Withdrawn) The slider according to claim 3, wherein said C-shaped cross-section defines an open side with said open side facing toward a rearward portion of said suspension slider.

5. (Currently Amended/Withdrawn) The slider according to claim 1, wherein said bent lateral member, said first and second legs, and first and second spaced apart longitudinal members are secured to one another with weld beads.

6. (Currently Amended/Withdrawn) The slider according to claim 1, wherein said central portion is arranged in a direction generally perpendicular to said first and second spaced apart longitudinal members.

7. (Currently Amended/Withdrawn) The slider according to claim 1, wherein said first and second legs are arranged in a direction generally perpendicular to said first and second spaced apart longitudinal members.

8. (Currently Amended/Withdrawn) The slider according to claim 1, wherein first and second legs form a generally continuous lateral member extending between said first and second spaced apart longitudinal members.

9. (Currently Amended/Withdrawn) The slider according to claim 1, wherein said generally continuous wall is unbroken at ~~said~~ bends adjoining said central portion and said first and second angled portions.

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10. (Currently Amended/Withdrawn) The slider according to claim 1, wherein first and second bends in said continuous wall are respectively defined by a first and second intersections respectively at said first angled portion and said central portion and said second angled portion and said central portion.

11. (Currently Amended/Withdrawn) The slider according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 10, wherein said bent lateral member includes a generally horizontal wall adjoining said ~~generally~~ continuous wall with a weld bead in a notched area of said generally horizontal wall at each of said first and second intersection.

12. (Currently Amended/Withdrawn) The slider according to claim 1, wherein a pair of said bent lateral members are secured between said first and second spaced apart longitudinal members with said central portions of said pair of said bent lateral members ~~are~~ being secured to one another forming an X-shape.

13. (Currently Amended/Withdrawn) The slider according to claim 12, wherein said first and second legs ~~forming form a~~ generally continuous lateral member extending between said first and second spaced apart longitudinal member with said generally continuous lateral member extending between said first and second spaced apart longitudinal members at each of said end portions of said pair of said bent lateral members.

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14. (Currently Amended) A suspension slider for a vehicle trailer comprising:
first and second spaced apart longitudinal members each including a downwardly depending hanger for supporting forward and rearward suspension assemblies; and
structure interconnecting said first and second spaced apart longitudinal members, said structure including a continuous wall forming first and second angled ~~portion- portions~~ converging to a central portion, said continuous wall secured to said first and second spaced apart longitudinal members.
15. (Withdrawn) The slider according to claim 14, wherein said continuous wall is arranged generally vertical.
16. (Original) The slider according to claim 14, wherein said continuous wall is arranged generally horizontal.
17. (Currently Amended) The slider according to claim 16, wherein said continuous wall is defined by a first plate with a second plate spaced from said first plate, and a vertical member secured between said first and second plates.
18. (Currently Amended) The slider according to ~~claim 16~~ claim 17, wherein said continuous wall includes a lateral portion having end portions extending in opposing directions from said central portion.
19. (Currently Amended) The slider according to claim 18, wherein triangular-shaped braces having a U-shaped cross-section are secured between said lateral portions of said first and second plates and said first and second spaced apart longitudinal members.

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20. (Currently Amended) The slider according to claim 18, wherein said continuous wall ~~includes forming forms~~ third and fourth angled ~~portion~~ portions converging to a second central portion, and a second lateral portion having second end portions extending in opposing directions from said second central portion.
21. (New) The slider according to claim 14, wherein said downwardly depending hangers form an inverted U-shaped cross-section.
22. (New) The slider according to claim 21, wherein said downwardly depending hangers are provided by a unitary wall.
23. (New) The slider according to claim 21, wherein each of said downwardly depending hangers includes laterally spaced apart vertical walls adapted to support said forward and rearward suspension assemblies.
24. (New) The slider according to claim 17, wherein said vertical member forms an I-beam with said first and second plates.
25. (New) The slider according to claim 17, wherein said vertical member includes a plurality of lightening holes.
26. (New) The slider according to claim 17, wherein said vertical member is spaced from said first and second spaced apart longitudinal members.